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FOLLOWING MSG PASSED TO DEPT. FOR INFO:

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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO RUEHTV/AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV NIACT IMMEDIATE 8548

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: IS, EG, US

SUBJECT: REMARKS CONCERNING SADAT'S SPEECH TO  
THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

REF: TEL AVIV 951

1. ISRAELI JOURNALIST DID INDEED ASK ME LAST NIGHT AFTER SADAT'S SPEECH WHAT I THOUGHT OF IT AND I SAID IT WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE IN NATURE. I SPECIFICALLY EXPLAINED MY COMMENT IN THE CONTEXT THAT SADAT HAD STRESSED THAT THE DOOR TO PEACE IS STILL OPEN AND REPEATED THIS EXPLANATION TWICE. (COMMENT: CONSIDERING WHAT THE SPEECH MIGHT HAVE BEEN, THIS IS POSITIVE. END COMMENT) ASKED MY REACTION TO WHAT HAD BEEN SAID ABOUT THE U.S., I SAID I HAD BEEN PLEASED WITH SADAT'S PRAISE FOR OUR EFFORTS. (FYI: WE NEED A BIT OF PRAISE HERE THESE DAYS SINCE OUR STOCK HAS GONE DOWN RAPIDLY IN PAST WEEK. END FYI) I REFUSED COMMENT ON SADAT'S REMARKS RE SOVIETS.

2. I CAN APPRECIATE PRIMIN BEGIN'S CONCERN ABOUT THE ATTACKS ON HIM, THOUGH I WOULD CERTAINLY NOT CHARACTERIZE THE SPEECH AS A "VICIOUS ATTACK ON ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE." IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT BEGIN CLEARLY HAS NO MORE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT MAKES SADAT TICK THAN THE LATTER DOES OF BEGIN. AS I LOOK BACK ON IT, WE DID NOT DO A PARTICULARLY GOOD JOB IN DESCRIBING EACH MAN TO THE OTHER IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE JERUSALEM TRIP.

3. IF YOU THINK IT USEFUL, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY INFORM BEGIN OF WHY, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHEN ASKED BY ISRAELI PRESS, I SAID IT WAS OF A POSITIVE NATURE. MY COMMENT CLEARLY HAD NO APPLICATION TO THE ATTACKS ON HIM OR ISRAEL AND I DO NOT BELIEVE ANYBODY COULD TAKE IT AS SUCH.

4. POSTSCRIPT: HAVE JUST READ TEL AVIV 948 AND NOTE VARIOUS ISRAELI PAPERS DESCRIBE IT AS MODERATE AND ENCOURAGING FOR SAME REASON I DESCRIBED IT AS GENERALLY POSITIVE IN NATURE. EILTS UNQUOTE VANCE

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